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Dear Sirs:

This is in response to your March 14, 2002 Notice of Incomplete Non-Provisional Application which includes the specification for my patent application - reducing tread separation in tires. It includes a summary, a written description of the invention, claims, and an abstract. Also included is a declaration on your standard form and my check for \$42.00 as an additional claim fee for 1 independent claim over 3.

Also included is the returned second copy of your above notice as requested.

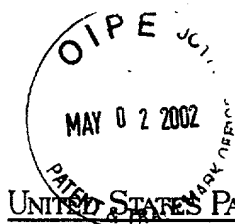
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below **and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must** be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

- The specification does not include a written description of the invention.
A complete specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$42.
 - \$42 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 42.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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